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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S STATEMENT ON
NAMIBIA, DELIVERED IN FOURTH COMMITTEE, AFTERNOON DECEMBER 2:

QUOTE

THIS YEAR HAS BEEN A CRUCIAL ONE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA,
IT HAS ALSO BEEN AN IMPORTANT YEAR IN THE RELATIONS OF THE
UNITED STATES WITH THAT REGION OF THE WORLD, AS MEMBERS
OF THIS ASSEMBLY KNOW, AT LUSAKA IN APRIL, SECRETARY
OF STATE KISSINGER LAUNCHED A MAJOR DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE
TO ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, HE
OFFERED TO ASSIST THE NATIONS OF THE REGION IN NEGOTIATING
SOLUTIONS TO THE DANGEROUS PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA
AND NAMIBIA, AS A RESULT OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS
AMONG THE FRONT-LINE STATES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, SOUTH AFRICA,
ITSELF THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES, CONSIDERATION OF
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THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM HAS NOW SHIFTED TO THE CONFERENCE

TABLE IN GENEVA. WHILE VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS, VERY SERIOUS PROBLEMS, REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED, THE IMPORTANT FACT IS THAT INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA ARE CLOSER TODAY AS A RESULT OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN EFFORTS THAN MANY WOULD HAVE EXPECTED, AND INDEED HARDLY ANY DID, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

THIS YEAR HAS ALSO WITNESSED EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS TO BRING THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE AS WELL. THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE A CONCERTED AND VIGOROUS EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE INTERESTED PARTIES TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF NAMIBIA BY NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT BLOODSHED. ALTHOUGH FORMAL TALKS HAVE NOT YET BEGUN, PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AND DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE. THE UNITED STATES IS DEDICATED TO ENDING THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA BY SOUTH AFRICA AND TO BRINGING ABOUT MAJORITY RULE AND INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA AS A SINGLE UNITARY STATE.

SECRETARY KISSINGER OUTLINED THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM IN HIS SPEECH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 30; THE UNITED STATES FAVORS THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

--INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA WITHIN A FIXED SHORT TIME LIMIT;

--THE CALLING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AT A NEUTRAL LOCATION UNDER THE UN AEGIS; AND

--THE PARTICIPATION IN THAT CONFERENCE OF ALL AUTHENTIC NATIONAL FORCES INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY SWAPO.

IN A MEETING THE DAY BEFORE HIS SPEECH, THE SECRETARY UNDERLINED TO MR. SAM NUJOMA, THE PRESIDENT OF SWAPO, THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE UNITED STATES ATTACHED TO THE PARTICIPATION OF SWAPO.

PROGRESS TOWARD ALL THESE OBJECTIVES HAS BEEN MADE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA. BUT WE MUST ALSO BE REALISTIC. THERE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER GENUINE NAMIBIAN INTERESTS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE PLACE TO RESOLVE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM IS THE CONFERENCE TABLE. WE WILL EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO BRING THE PARTIES TO UNDERTAKE A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, CANDOR REQUIRES ME TO STATE THAT THERE ARE GOVERNMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO APPEAR

DETERMINED TO RAISE BARRIERS TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
AND TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH IT WILL BECOME
INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR THE UNITED STATES OR ANYONE ELSE, TO
ASSIST THE PARTIES. DEMAGOGUERY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AND UNFOUNDED
ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN PROPAGATED, CLEARLY INTENDED TO
DIMINISH THE CHANCES OF BRINGING ABOUT THE NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT WHICH THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN SEEKING.
THERE ARE ALSO, UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE WHO, WHILE
PROPOSING NO CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS OF THEIR OWN, SEEK
THROUGH THEIR WORDS AND ACTIONS TO IMPEDE THE EFFORTS
OF OTHERS.

THERE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ABSURD STORIES IN THE
WORLD PRESS ABOUT ALLEGED UNITED STATES POLICY ON
NAMIBIA. ACCUSATORY FABRICATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED-
THAT THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO CREATE AN ARMY IN
NAMIBIA - THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY CHOSEN
A CANDIDATE TO LEAD AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. THERE
IS NOT A SHRED OF TRUTH IN EITHER OF THESE ACCUSATIONS.
THE OBJECT OF THESE ATTACKS CAN ONLY BE TO DISCREDIT
EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER,
WE WILL NOT BE DETERRED IN OUR SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL
AND REALISTIC PATH TO GENUINE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE
FOR NAMIBIA, BUT WE DO WISH TO POINT OUT THAT CONSTANT
CALUMNIES CAN ONLY IMPEDE PROGRESS TOWARDS SUCH A SOLUTION.

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MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER ASPECTS
OF UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD NAMIBIA WHICH I
WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION:

--IN ADDITION TO THE MAJOR DIPLOMATIC EFFORT
WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE DURING THE
PAST YEAR, MY GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE
IN PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO
YOUNG NAMIBIANS. IN THE PAST YEAR THE UNITED
STATES HAS PROVIDED \$300,000 FOR THE TRAINING
OF NAMIBIAN STUDENTS TO HELP PREPARE THEM TO
ASSUME THE OBLIGATIONS OF BUILDING AND ADMINIS-
TERING AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. THE UNITED
STATES HAS CONTRIBUTED \$250,000 TO THE UN
INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA IN LUSAKA, WHICH I HAD
THE PLEASURE OF SEEING MYSELF FIRST HAND, LAST JUNE, AND
\$50,000 TO THE UN EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAM
FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA, SPECIALLY EARMARKED FOR
NAMIBIANS. THESE CONTRIBUTIONS ALSO REFLECT THE
IMPORTANCE THE UNITED STATES PLACES IN THE UN
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AS THE LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY FOR NAMIBIA.

-- THE UNITED STATES ALSO REMAINS SERIOUSLY
CONCERNED OVER THE APPLICATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN
LEGISLATION IN THAT TERRITORY. WE HAVE PROTESTED
TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES THE ENFORCEMENT
OF THE TERRORISM ACT IN NAMIBIA. IN MAY
WE PROTESTED AGAINST A PARTICULAR APPLICATION
OF THE ACT AGAINST FOUR NAMIBIANS, TWO OF WHOM
WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH.

IN CONCLUSION, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO
REAFFIRM THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ACHIEVING
SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385, OUR
SUPPORT FOR THESE PRINCIPLES REMAINS AS STRONG THIS DAY AS
AT ANY TIME IN PAST YEARS. THE UNITED STATES HAS WORKED
HARD TO ADVANCE THE PROCESS LEADING TO NAMIBIAN
INDEPENDENCE; ACTIONS TO IMPEDE OUR EFFORTS DO NOT HELP
THIS PROCESS. THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY URGES ALL THE
PARTIES CONCERNED WITH NAMIBIA TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES
AND WORK OUT AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE THE TRANSITION TO
A FREE AND INDEPENDENT ANTION. AS SECRETARY KISSINGER

SAID ON SEPTEMBER 30, THE UNITED STATES "PLEDGES OUR
CONTINUED SOLICITUDE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA
SO THAT IT MAY, IN THE END, BE A PROUD ACHIEVEMENT
OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND A SYMBOL OF INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION."

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